

## VOTER INFORMATION

**Qualifications to Register:** • Citizen of the United States • Legal resident of Washington  
• Will be 18 years of age on or before the next election day

**Registration Deadline:** Walk-in registration in-person at Election office only: Monday, April 8, 2002  
Mail-in registration postmark cut-off: Saturday, **March 23, 2002**

**Where to Register:**

- County Election Office
- Schools
- Libraries/Fire Stations
- City/Town Clerk Offices
- State Driver's Licensing Offices
- Most state agencies

**Absentee Ballots:** Requests taken either by phone, **(206) 296-8683**; or through mail addressed to:  
King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division  
500 4th Avenue, Room 553, Seattle, WA, 98104

**Voting:** **ELECTION DAY - APRIL 23, 2002**  
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Questions:** For further information on registration deadlines, postcard registration, permanent absentee voting and polling place locations, contact the **King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division** at **(206) 296-8683** or TTY **(206) 296-0109**.

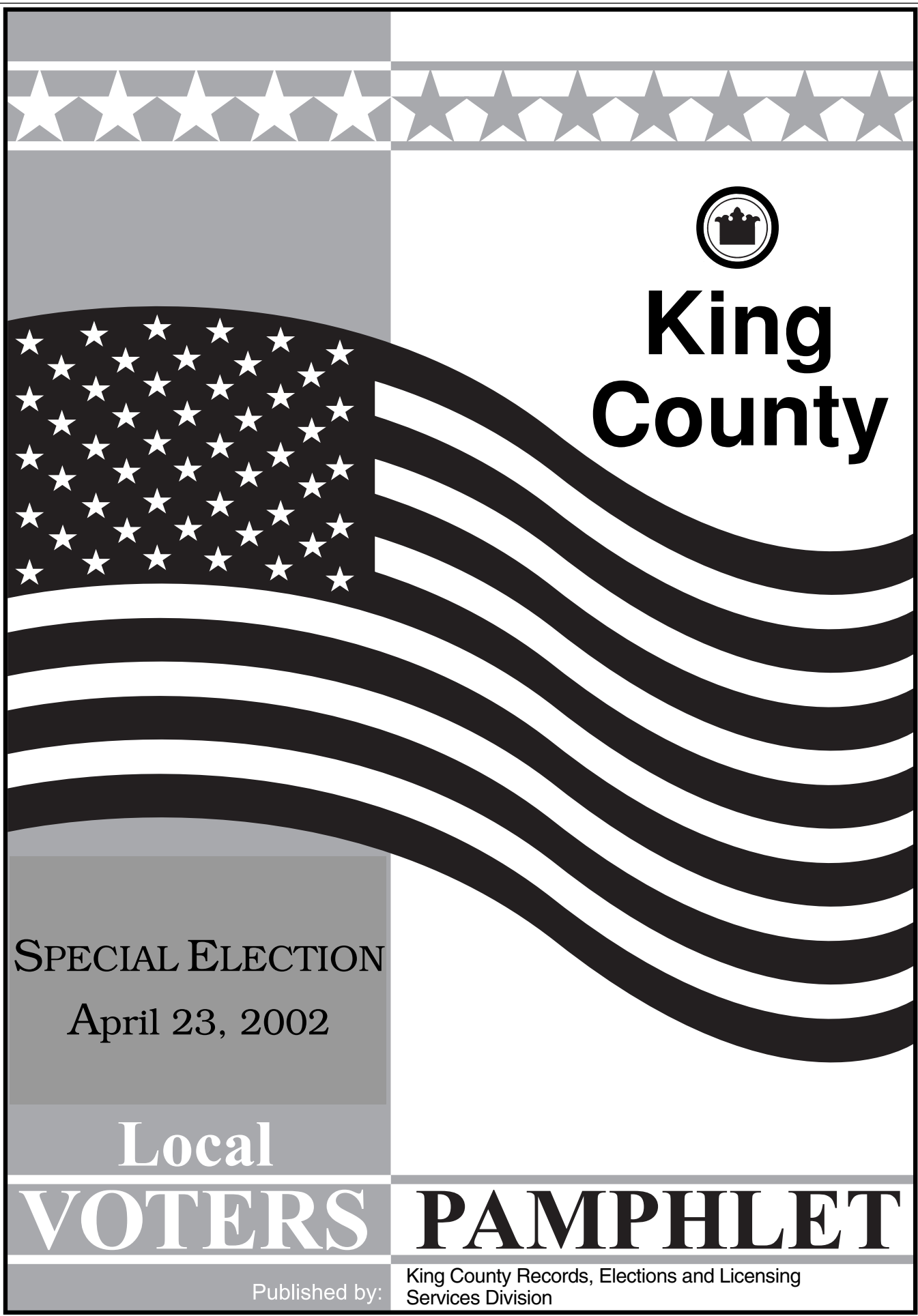
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# Tahoma School District No. 409

## Proposition No. 1

### BALLOT TITLE

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND SERVICES LEVY

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 adopted Resolution No. 2002-03, concerning a proposition to finance current programs. This proposition would authorize the District to meet educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, for teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics and busing, on all taxable property within the District, for the District's General Fund maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$2.96	\$7,830,000
2004	\$2.97	\$8,250,000
2005	\$3.03	\$8,850,000
2006	\$3.06	\$9,380,000

as provided in Resolution No. 2002-03. Should this proposition be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Tahoma School District No. 409 (the "District") to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy:

- (a) a tax of approximately \$2.96 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$7,830,000 to be collected in 2003.
- (b) a tax of approximately \$2.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$8,250,000 to be collected in 2004.
- (c) a tax of approximately \$3.03 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$8,850,000 to be collected in 2005.
- (d) a tax of approximately \$3.06 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$9,380,000 to be collected in 2006.

The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. If such proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes and use the proceeds of such levies to meet the educational needs of its students, operate its educational programs and pay the general expenses of maintenance and operation thereof during the school years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006 -2007. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW.

### Statement for

As voters and taxpayers, we expect our hard-earned tax dollars to be put to good use. That is why it should be an easy choice to vote yes for the Tahoma School District Educational Program and Services Levy. Our students will directly benefit from this levy. Without the levy, we will lose important educational programs and activities that would take years to rebuild.

Here are the facts:

- The four-year Educational Program and Services Levy replaces one that expires at the end of 2002; it CONTINUES what is already in place. It is NOT an additional tax.
- Nearly every school district in the state relies upon local levy money to supplement funds from the state and federal governments.
- Local levy money provides 19 percent of the school district's operating budget.
- Tahoma has a relatively small tax base because the area is nearly all residential or rural – that is why our tax rate seems higher than in other places. Don't be misled: Tahoma is in the bottom third of levy dollars collected per student in King County, based on 2001 data. Despite this, our students are getting an excellent education because our schools spend our money wisely.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: BARBARA KENNEDY

### Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.



# Tahoma School District No. 409

## Proposition No. 2

### BALLOT TITLE

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE AND SAFETY UPGRADE LEVY

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 adopted Resolution No. 2002-04, concerning a proposition to finance modern school buses. This proposition would authorize the District to purchase new school buses for improved efficiency and safety, and levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's Transportation Vehicle Fund:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$0.28	\$750,000
2004	\$0.27	\$750,000

as provided in Resolution No. 2002-04. Should this proposition be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Tahoma School District No. 409 (the "District") to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy:

- (a) a tax of approximately \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$750,000 to be collected in 2003.
- (b) a tax of approximately \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide no more than \$750,000 to be collected in 2004.

The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. If such proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes and use the proceeds of such levies to meet the pupil transportation needs of the District and pay the expenses of the Project (as defined in the recitals hereto and by this reference incorporated herein) thereof during the school years 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW.

### Statement for

Maple Valley residents of 10 years or more probably remember how fast the area grew during the 1990s – especially if their children were in school. Tahoma School District's enrollment nearly doubled in the 1990s, which led to a major construction and renovation effort that has finally caught up with all that growth.

But there is one critical area of the school district that is still struggling: our school bus fleet.

Tahoma bought used buses from other school districts during the 1990s because it was the most affordable way to keep up with the demand for more transportation. Now it is time to replace those old buses – some of which are 24 years old!

State funding is available to replace some of our buses but there is not enough money to replace all of the old buses we were forced to purchase in the '90s. This two-year levy should catch us up and permit future replacements to occur without the need of a levy.

Voting yes will provide us with fuel-efficient buses that have all the latest safety devices. They are less costly to maintain, too.

A yes vote will provide students with reliable, safe and efficient transportation.

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### Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.